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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SUICIDE ON EMBASSY ROOF

1. FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE ON SUICIDE PREPARED
FOR USE BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN IF RAISED BY PRESS. IT
DID NOT COME UP AT MAY 2 BRIEFING.

QUESTION: CAN YOU GIVE US ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING
REPORTS OF A CHINESE COMMITTING SUICIDE AT THE AMERICAN
EMBASSY IN TAIPEI?

ANSWER: I HAVE SEEN ONLY A PRELIMINARY REPORT TO THE
EFFECT THAT A CHINESE CITIZEN GAINED ACCESS TO THE ROOF
OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY LATE YESTERDAY AND COMMITTED
SUICIDE.

ONLY IF PRESSED:

QUESTION: WAS THERE ANY EXPLANATION GIVEN? DID HE LEAVE
A NOTE? IF SO, WHAT DID IT SAY?

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ANSWER: HE APPARENTLY WROTE IN CHINESE ON A BANNER
WORDS WHICH TRANSLATE APPROXIMATELY AS FOLLOWS: " LONG
LIVE CHINESE UNITY AND SOVEREIGNTY. EXPEL POLITICAL
INTERFERENCE OF STRONG POWERS."

QUESTION: IS THIS ANTI- AMERICAN, PRO- UNIFICATION WITH
THE PRC, OR WHAT?

ANSWER: I WOULD NOT TRY TO UNRAVEL THE MEANING OF
SLOGANS WRITTEN BY SOMEONE WHO OBVIOUSLY HAD LOST
NORMAL EMOTIONAL BALANCE AND WAS ACTING IRRATIONALLY.
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